Ex-refinery and selling price of petroleum products

†3194. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the ex-refinery price and consumer selling price of petrol, diesel, kerosene, LPG and naphtha in the country;

(b) if so, what were these prices on 1st April, 2002; and

(c) the reasons for such a huge difference in both the prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism effective 1st April, 2002, the Government no longer fixes the refinery gate prices of petroleum products. The difference between the consumer selling price and ex-refinery price is on account of freight, duties, taxes, levies, marketing margin, etc.

Exploration of oil and gas

†3195. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of production from the already-explored oil and natural gas reserves in our country has not been started so far;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of production being made from these reserves at present; and

(c) the reasons for not starting production from all these reserves so far?

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) After the exploration phase, starting of production from any area depends on techno-commercial factors such as, the reservoir characteristics, the quality of hydro-carbons, the prices of oil and gas, the infrastructure availability and the logistics. There is also a lead time between a discovery during exploration phase and the production of hydro-carbons. The reserves from the areas where appraisal is under progress, or which are not viable for production at present, are not significant, around 5% or so.

Jatar Committee report

†3196. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jatar Committee has since submitted its report to Government on the Gandhar oil well fire in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details of the inquiry report and whether Government have taken any action on this report so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, by when, the action is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Government has constituted a Committee headed by Major General (Retd.) S.C.N. Jatar, which is inquiring into the matter after the incident of fire at Well No. G-345, Gandhar field on ONGC. The Committee submitted its interim report on Gandhar fire to the Government on 30.1.2002. The Committee has thereafter submitted the second and third volume of report on 29.03.2002 to the Government on Gandhar field, Ankleshwar Assets and on Western offshore, Mumbai Region on ONGC. These reports are being examined by the Government. The term of the Committee has been extended upto 31.05.2002 so as to enable the Committee to submit the final report.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.